



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. 91,875-B)

PATENT

In the Application of:

DEAN, McBRIDE & BUTTRAM)	Before the Examiner: A. Davenport
Serial No. 08/236,402)	
Filed: May 2, 1994)	Group Art Unit: 1811
For: TECHNETIUM-99m LABELED IMAGING AGENTS)	

RESPONSE TO THE OFFICIAL ACTION
MAILED ON DECEMBER 23, 1996

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed December 23, 1996, Applicants respectfully request that the application be re-examined in light of the following remarks. A Petition for Extension of Time and a check in the amount of the appropriate fee accompany this Response.

Applicants hereby request that this Response be considered a "First Submission after Final Rejection," pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.129(a), that the finality of the instant Final Rejection be automatically withdrawn, and that the amendments and remarks submitted herewith be considered on the merits. A check in the appropriate amount accompanies this Response.

AMENDMENTS

The Examiner is respectfully requested to make the following amendments.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1, line 4 please insert --, now U.S. Patent 5,443,815, issued August 22, 1995--

after "1991".